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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Counterespionage

1. [ ] of the FI staff appeared this afternoon seeking assistance in finding a satisfactory "legal" definition of the terms "counterintelligence" and "counterespionage." After a brief conversation between us, it emerged that [ ] was attempting to solve the dilemma of the language used in paragraph 2 of NSCID no. 5. These words go undefined in the Directive, and apparently there is some thought that by devising an airtight definition of them we would be in a better position to bargain with the military about the ultimate import of the Directive.

2. I have considerable doubt that this type of semantic fencing will produce any solid results. I told [ ] that I felt the solution to his problem lay in dealing with the responsibilities substantially--that is, the responsibilities delegated by NSCID no. 5--rather than in ploughing water by seeking a legalistic approach to a definition of words, which definition would be feckless in any negotiations toward solving the substantive problem.

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